

IT'S OPEN SEASON FOR THE FISHERIES

TWELVE PER CENT OF THE PLANET'S FRESHWATER, ALMOST FIVE THOUSAND MILES OF COASTLINE, AND A MARITIME AREA EQUIVALENT TO THE SIZE OF THE AMAZON: IT IS A TIME OF GREAT OPPORTUNITIES FOR FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE, AND FINANCING IS AVAILABLE

According to the Ministry of Fisheries and Aquaculture (MPA, Brasília), the industry is thriving. A Fisheries and Aquaculture Harvest Plan was launched for the period of 2012 – 2014 that increases the effectiveness of the economic and social policies for the sector. According to an

MPA press release, “the objective is to expand government initiatives and promote sustainable development, stimulating entrepreneurship particularly among women and youth. The initiative is expected to benefit 300,000 families and help more than 100,000 families out of poverty.”

AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES FIGURES

PRODUCTION (2011)

1,431,776 tons

(13 per cent increase compared to 2010)

Marine fishery production

553,670 tons

Continental aquaculture

544,490 tons

Continental fishery production

249,600 tons

Marine aquaculture

84,016 tons

Financing operations and credit provision

over \$61.5 million

8,423 thousand new jobs

Source: MPA. Data for 2012 unavailable until press time